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Dysart tenders much higher than expected

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The cost of construction continues to escalate in Dysart et al where busy contractors are demanding premium prices for their work.

Two separate projects tendered by the municipality both came back with significantly higher than expected bids and it was the second call for tenders for both projects. The addition of accessible washrooms to the Dysart arena was expected to cost \$42,000 but the six bids for the project came in between \$74,747 and \$98,000.

The same six companies also registered tenders for the construction of an extension to the existing municipal building consisting of a new council chamber on the ground level, new offices and renovation inside the existing building. The extension will be towards the ball diamond.

The 2003 budget line for the

project is \$200,000, although Reeve Murray Fearrey reminded councilors they knew it would likely cost more. It turns out it will cost at least \$100,000 more. The tenders were for \$340,730 to \$393,000.

The lowest bidder for both projects is Rodco Enterprises. Duncan Ross, Dysart's contracted architect, discussed Rodco's bid with council in late December. He warned councilors they should also expect further bills once construction is completed. He said that propane companies used to install tanks for free for the opportunity to get the fuel contract but are now charging \$12,000 for tanks similar to what the Dysart building will need.

He also explained that council needs to decide how to heat the addition because the existing furnace is not sufficient. He suggested two small propane furnaces which would give them

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She said yes!



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

Brian Griffin certainly found an innovative way to propose to his girlfriend Kerriann Connaghan. He put an ad in last week's *Echo* asking her to be his bride.

Echo plays a role in couple's betrothal

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Kerriann Connaghan, "the sweetest girl in all the land", has a special twinkle in her eye this New Year or perhaps it's just the reflection from all of the sparkling facets of the lovely diamond she now sports.

Connaghan met her fiancé Brian Griffin seven or eight years ago. Her family had been

cottaging in the Highlands since she was a young child. Griffin's family is part of the permanent fabric of the community. The two families became acquainted and will soon become even more closely tied.

The couple started dating three years ago. Connaghan made the permanent move to Haliburton in order to work for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services as an X-ray

technologist. Griffin decided he needed to do his part for the community in keeping this valuable healthcare professional here by proposing.

Connaghan says they had reached a point in their relationship when they knew cupid's arrow had found a permanent home. She told Griffin that it would be up to him, however,

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Sled dog races postponed

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

A light dusting of snow fell on Head Lake as a group of skaters glided across its surface on Monday morning.

The plate-glass ice might have been a boon to outdoor recreation enthusiasts but to sled dogs and their mushers it represents an accident waiting to happen.

At their home on Drag Lake, the organizers of the Haliburton Sled Dog Derby, scheduled for this weekend, woke up Monday morning to discover that the heavy snow promised for the weekend hadn't materialized.

Rather than run this weekend's Haliburton sled dog races on hope instead of snow, Hank DeBruin and Tanya McCready opted to postpone the cacophonous event until February.

"We'd need another foot of snow, otherwise the dogs would just be sliding," McCready said on Monday.

While the weather forecast does promise a bit of snow they did not want to risk having to cancel the races, which cross Head Lake, at the last minute. Many of the competitors would have to leave their homes on Tuesday in order to reach Haliburton on Friday and they

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Correction

The holidays are a great time for good cheer but a bad time to get verification for sticky little details like numbers. A correction for the Ward 1 municipal election recount was submitted to the *Echo* but municipal staff were not available to verify those numbers; unfortunately they were not correct. There was a typo in the number of votes for the first count on election night.

So for the last time, we guarantee it, the numbers for the first ballot count were 365 votes for Bob Nichol, 350 votes for Jim Henwood and 296 votes for Chester Howse. The recount resulted in 367 votes for Nichol, 346 votes for Henwood and 295 votes for Howse.

The *Echo* sincerely apologizes for the confusion.

Wedding can be more conventional

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to pick the appropriate time and way to propose marriage. There were a few provisos, such as "If you want a yes it had better be an original proposal."

"I just wanted something different. I didn't really have anything in mind," says Connaghan.

Griffin says that threw him since his first idea had been to propose before her family at Christmas. That notion was shot down as well as the traditional approach of wining and dining his way to the big question. Stumped, he spoke to Connaghan's mother in Bowmanville who joked about putting a proposal in the paper but he took her seriously.

"It was kind of an embarrassing idea but I thought at least no one has done it," says Griffin.

Indeed to the current staff's knowledge, he made *Echo* history by being the first to ever propose marriage via an ad in this paper. (Boonieville's Charlie Teljeur proposed to his wife Gina through his weekly cartoon several years ago.)

He suffered the giggles of the *Echo*'s female staff as he posed for a photo on bent knee holding out a beautiful diamond ring. He talked about what he would like for a message and then the big day arrived on December 30. The last paper of the year had a small caption on the front page that said "Will You Marry Me? Brian Griffin

pops the question in an ad on page 2 in this week's *Echo*."

That Tuesday he disconnected the phone to ensure no one would call before Connaghan read the paper. He says they normally don't get a paper until the afternoon so he left before 9 a.m. for town to get one. When he brought the paper in, he said 'Look what's on the front page' as he handed it to her.

Connaghan looked at the picture of Mike Myers on the cover and nonchalantly said she'd already heard he'd been in town at the Kozy. Frustrated and anxious, he said 'No, look what else is on the paper' and then she saw it.

"I turned the page and started reading the ad. He got down on one knee with the ring. As soon as I saw his picture in the paper I started to cry," she says. "It was great. Just beautiful. I had no idea he would do something like this. It was a complete shock."

And of course she said yes.

"Everyone thought it was a howl. And as soon as we plugged the phone back in it started ringing. The guys said how did you ever get the nerve to do that?" he says.

The happy couple are thinking of having their wedding in the spring of 2005. Connaghan insists her fiancé has jumped through enough hoops and the wedding can be as traditional and normal as he likes.



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Renovations will make buildings more accessible

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more control over which parts of the building to heat since the council chambers would not be used as frequently as the offices. Fearrey argued they should attempt to use duct work from the existing furnace. Ross agreed to get comparative price estimates.

Fearrey suggested to council that they could shave \$25,000 off the lowest bid by changing the outside brick to siding that would match the existing building. Ross

added that another \$8,500 could be saved by not having some decorative touches such as crown molding.

The new members of council asked about the rationale behind the new addition and the form it is taking. Fearrey explained the staff does not have enough office space and the chambers are inaccessible to the disabled. He says the council examined different designs such as a two-storey addition but the installation of an elevator or lift for the public to access the council chambers was prohibitive. The addition would allow the chambers to be accessible to the public.

Similarly, new provincial legislation requires that municipalities take action to make publicly owned buildings accessible; this is why they are choosing to make the arena washrooms accessible.

Council will make final decisions regarding the tenders during the January council meetings.

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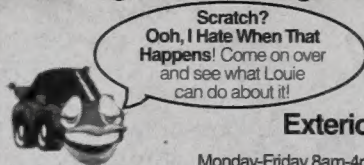
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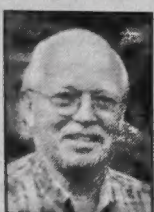
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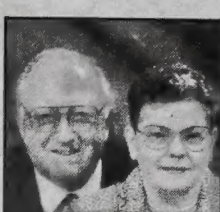
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Wish list 2004

*Politicians
and civic leaders
set their sights
on goals for
the coming year*

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

A year is the time it takes the earth to revolve once round the sun: 365 days, five hours, 48 minutes and 46 seconds - a period of time used for the "reckoning of ordinary affairs," according to the Oxford dictionary.

The clock is already counting down the year of 2004 and there are plenty of affairs, ordinary or otherwise, that need to be reckoned with by local officials in the course of fulfilling their obligations of office. The following is a brief summary of what local residents might expect to happen during the up-coming 365, or rather 359, days.

Bill Davis, Haliburton County Warden

Davis says his primary concern at the onset of 2004 is to "make in-roads" with the county's high speed Connect Ontario project. He says the establishment of a high speed Internet network in the county is critical to the implementation of the new strategic plan and marketing of Haliburton. He says the failure to move the project forward last year was politically one of the worst of 2003.



He is looking forward this year to the completion of the new Sir Sandford Fleming College campus which Davis says will be an economic and cultural benefit to the entire county.

One of his personal political goals is to see the implementation of the county accessibility plan and the removal of barriers. He chaired the committee responsible for the plan and says it was a revela-

tion. While participating in the annual Extendicare wheelchair rally he discovered how much the sidewalks and curbs in Haliburton village have crumbled and are in need of repair - work he would like to see commence this year.

Murray Fearrey, Dysart et al Reeve

Fearrey intends to work on garnering more medical support for the community, generating seniors housing, creating an affordable plan for downtown renewal, and working with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to realize new assessment that will allow the



municipality to lower tax rates as a way of off-setting rising property assessment values.

He says MPAC has cleared some of the backlog of unassessed properties in Dysart but he has not been given any numbers on how many of the 950 building permits that needed assessing were done by the end of 2003, making it impossible to predict whether taxes will increase or decrease in 2004.

Assessment remained a hot button issue throughout last year. He says the worst part of 2003 was a failure to convince some forest owners that the managed forest tax incentive program was not an issue that was relevant to the public use of trails on private lands.

Andy Glecoff, Haliburton Business Improvement Association chair

Some "barn burner" days between Christmas and New Year in downtown Haliburton provided a good end to 2003 but Glecoff says he is concerned about

the weather not being cooperative in terms of attracting much needed winter tourism dollars. He says business owners are grateful for the support of locals but are hoping for a good season in order to bring extra dollars to help finance a downtown rejuvenation plan.



Glecoff says he is pleased the businesses have banded together for the first time to adopt a heritage colour scheme, consistent store holiday hours and promotional activities. He says the BIA is looking forward to doing more of that.

The BIA also has plans to refurbish benches, improve the number and look of the town's flowers, and to beautify the main street. Glecoff says they are testing interlocking brick outside V&S to see how it stands up. It could be used for trimming in front of interested businesses.

"A lot of the long-term (rejuvenation) items are very costly. We don't expect everything to happen right away but are pleased to have a commitment from the municipality to assist us with change," says Glecoff.

Bob Orr, Trillium Lakelands District School Board chair

His top priority for 2004 is garnering more funding for bus-ing. Other goals or New Year's wishes are to see breakfast/snack pro-



grams in all TLDSB schools, including secondary schools. Currently, Orr says, only half of TLDSB schools have such programs.

In tandem with better eating, he would like to see an increase in physical education programs, including having more physical education teachers in schools.

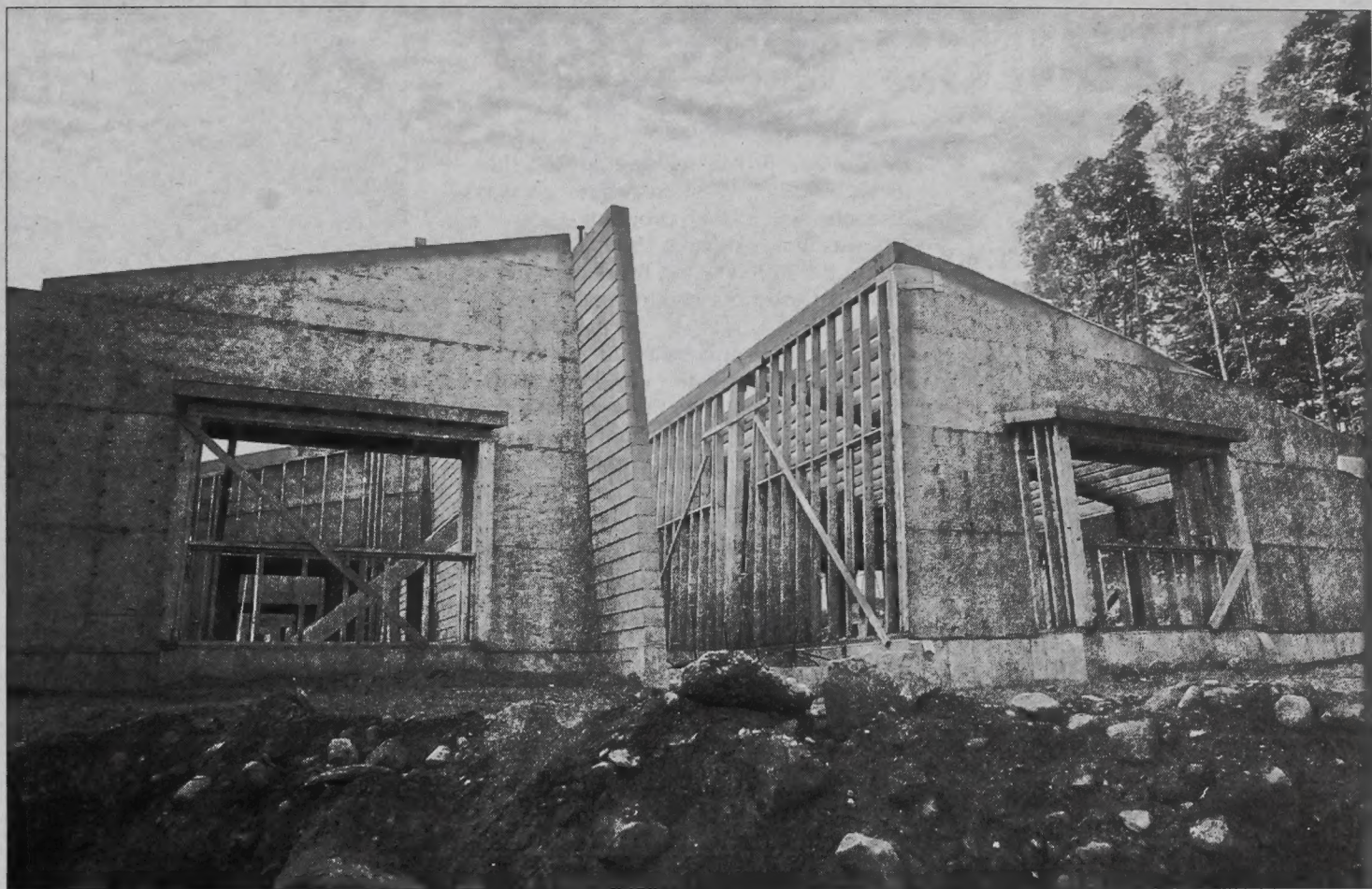
Orr says that the biggest challenge in 2003 was not having enough special education funding flowing, but a promised increase from the province will mean more dollars for special needs students in 2004. More money for literacy and numeracy programs will also help those students struggling in the system.

Orr is excited to see the Program Enhancement Fund increase from \$100,000 to \$150,000; it means staff will have an opportunity to again put forward innovative proposals for special projects not included in the existing funding formula.

Dick Charron, Haliburton Highlands Health Services chair

The future looks bright for HHHS, says Charron, now that \$1.5 million has been added to the baseline funding. With the increase to the operating budget, Charron says they are hoping to be able to enhance existing programs/services and to develop new programs which will benefit the community.

The biggest challenge remaining is the ability to recruit the health care personnel necessary to carry out those services. The physician shortage in rural Ontario has resulted in a lot of stories across the province but doctors are not the only health care professionals they need, says Charron. Nurses and various technicians are also in demand.



The county's new warden, Bill Davis, looks forward to the completion of the Sir Sandford Fleming College campus in Haliburton.

Wilberforce B&B becomes an insurance orphan

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

There are times when Hilda Clark thinks that the only way she'll get insurance for her bed and breakfast is to check herself in as a permanent guest.

Clark owns The House in the Village but she lives in her family's homestead just up the road in Wilberforce. This arrangement, which has been in place since she opened her B&B 15 years ago, is now waving a big red flag for insurance companies.

Although her B&B is just 100 metres away from a firehall and has close and watchful neighbours, insurance companies deem it as a high risk, and right now insurance companies have a low tolerance for any kind of risk.

Unless she's willing to pay \$5,600 a year, no company will agree to cover her. And without the insurance, Wilberforce is without its only B&B.

Clark's situation is unique in the county since she's the only B&B operator who doesn't live in the same building. (When she has guests she does stay there, however.) However, most B&Bs found themselves scrambling for insurance this past summer when a major insurance compa-

ny, Canada Brokerlink, announced that its underwriter, Western Assurance, was discontinuing its B&B program.

"I was in a real panic," says Don Pflug of Stouffer Mill Bed and Breakfast. "For a while I thought I might have to shut down."

Pflug's insurance was under Royal, which decided to stop covering B&Bs. He had two months to find a new broker and it wasn't until he had only one week left on his policy that he was able to sign a policy with Erb and Erb, which is aggressively seeking B&B business.

Like Clark, Pflug's circumstances were a bit unusual. His property not only has its own trails for guests but the house is 12-sided, making it more valuable.

Pam Smith of the Meadow Wood B&B says most members of the Haliburton County association were quickly able to get new policies locally with Floyd Hall Insurance.

It turns out, however, that they got in just under the wire because a few weeks later Floyd Hall's carrier, Farmers Mutual, stopped taking new customers.

"Insurance companies don't want any risk and most companies don't want new business right now," says Judy

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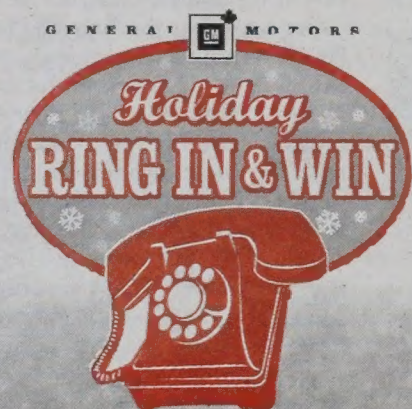


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Hilda Clark has had to close House in the Village until she gets insurance.

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Insurance companies wary of risk

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McCracken of Floyd Hall's Haliburton office. With B&Bs, insurance companies "want a minimum number of rooms and nothing out of the ordinary."

They also don't want any long-term guests such as teachers at Sir Sandford Fleming College who may stay for a few weeks or more at a time. Insurance companies want guests who check in for the night, have breakfast and leave. They especially don't want students.

"Everyone has to follow their policy to a T," McCracken says.

Over in Wilberforce, Hilda Clark became so disheartened by her search for a new carrier that she simply shut down until she can find the heart to start looking again.

"I got so discouraged and felt so powerless, I've just thrown up my hands and said I'll just take me time," she says. "It's a case of getting revved up and chasing after people."

She still checks the house, which her father built in 1905, once a day but she's not accepting guests. Now she has to decide whether to invest in upgrades such as a new septic system and oil tank.

The whole affair leaves her sad – and missing her guests. She opened the B&B as a retirement project and loved the opportunity to meet new people and provide a different business venture for the village. But until she can find an insurance company willing to share her dream, her doors will stay shut.



DARREN LUM/ECHO

Building partnerships

The Grade 12 Tech Design students under the guidance of teacher Dan Fockler built a 6' x 8' garden shed. Supplies were provided by Emmerson Lumber. Front to back, left to right, are Owen Schell, Tony Penick, Nathan Dunning Kyle Urquart, Jeremy Upton, and Robbie Stevenson. The construction of this structure is the same as making a full-sized house. The school is hoping to continue this type of working relationships with commercial companies and build more garden sheds.



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Give us winter

For people who like quiet, the Highlands have been ideal these past few weeks. No snowmobiles racing down the lakes, no weekend traffic as cottagers arrive for some winter fun, and certainly no problem getting a parking space in front of stores.

But while a little quiet is appreciated after the rush of the Christmas holidays, enough is enough. The weather these past few weeks illustrates how little there is without the snow to pad our post Christmas-shopping fall.

Looking back, a poor start to winter is following too quickly on the heels of a poor summer. While Haliburton County didn't have to endure the full brunt of SARS – which caused hotel occupancy rates in Toronto to plunge into the single digits – or the West Nile virus scare, and

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— martha perkins

we were even one of the few places in the province to keep our electricity during August's massive blackout, local businesses did suffer through some of the repercussions. In general, tourist accommodation establishments were down about 10

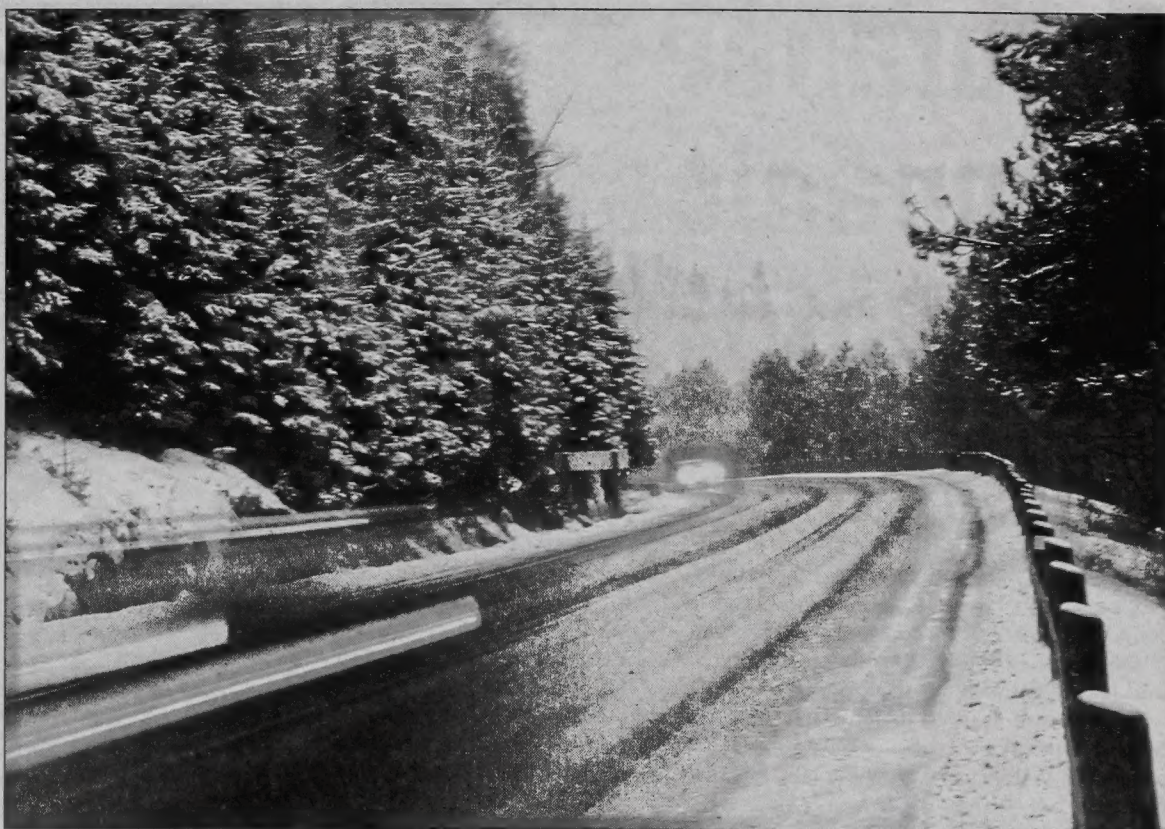
per cent, in large part caused by Americans' decision to stay at home. The constant rain didn't help convince people to enjoy the Highlands' great outdoors, either.

The lack of snow is, however, giving us time to pause before we renew the debate over two contentious issues. First is the threat by members of the Haliburton Forest Owners Association to close down public access to the trails which cross their land as part of their efforts to lobby the provincial government to revert to the system of assessing managed forests at a lower rate. While the forest owners' decision puts much of the Highlands' snowmobile and cross-country skiing trail system in jeopardy, it's been a bit of a moot point when there's so little snow. The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association has yet to open its trails and there wasn't much nordic skiing available in the Highlands over the Christmas break.

Then there's the new initiative called Tourism Haliburton. Created by resort operators, it has tremendous potential to attract new visitors to the area. Right now there's little to offer as an enticement to tourists but once winter truly does arrive we'll be faced with a major debate: since one of the only ways to get more people to choose the Highlands as their recreation destination is by spending money, where is the money going to come from?

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce certainly hopes that it doesn't come out of its marketing budget, which comes largely from the county. The Chamber has done a good job in responding to complaints that it was a glorified tourism board that represented only those businesses in the tourism industry. It has diversified and aggressively gone after new members. Now that it truly is a chamber of all commerce, however, some tourism operators felt not enough money was being focused on their industry so they started Haliburton Tourism.

The Chamber won't be able to win for losing if the county decides to take some of the money it's been giving (as a fee for service) to the Chamber to market the area to Haliburton Tourism. Does that mean we'll have two organizations with separate infrastructures? Two marketing plans? Will Tourism Haliburton take over the Chamber's main responsibility of keeping the information centre on Hwy. 35 staffed and open year-round? Can Tourism Haliburton use the Chamber's 1-800 number on promotional literature and leave it up to the Chamber to foot the costs of answering the calls if the Chamber's budget is cut to feed Tourism Haliburton? There is room for the two groups but it can't be at the expense of one over the other.



On the move along Hwy 118

photo by DARREN LUM/Echo

Icing on the lake

If you've ever hauled a sled full of fishing gear out onto a frozen lake in search of creatures dumber than yourself, you know that the ice speaks a language of its very own. It warps, cracks, creaks, rumbles, thumps, bumps and grinds. And each of these subtle signals tells you that the lake is making ice – or breaking up in a freakishly early spring thaw. These days, I'm never quite sure.

I'm not trying to scare you. On the surface, ice fishing is quite safe – below that, however, you can expect nothing but problems. Despite this, many of us venture out early in the season and have developed standard operating procedures to ensure that we stay on the dry side of the ice. In the interests of public safety, I'd like to share some of these with you.

First off, it's generally recognized that it's best to let the heaviest angler lead any questionable early expedition out onto the lake. When I say "generally recognized" I mean that this makes sense to everyone but "Tiny."

But if you can somehow pull this off, it's best to encourage that person to wear a bright buoyant hat. This allows others, at a distance, to see any unsafe ice he's discovered.

Naturally, this is not something that you verbalize, especially if your wife is wearing a blaze orange toque, looking back and asking what's taking you so long. Instead, you shrug and saunter idly behind – generally at a distance of about five yards per pound that you are outweighed. On smaller lakes this often means that you need to find an excuse to wait on shore until that person has actually drilled several holes and started landing fish. The mere act of seeing

someone else land fish, by the way, negates all safety concerns.

If, however, you venture out alone, as will often be the case after this strategy gets out, it's prudent that you be on at least four inches of blue ice.

Then again, I've noticed a strange phenomenon – if I discover any less than four inches of ice under me, it quite often ends up turning a bright yellow, or worse. Yellow, in this case, indicates more than caution.

By the way, it has always struck me as darkly humorous that the way we test questionable ice is to walk out on it and then perforate our immediate surroundings full of holes. It's the rough equivalent of jabbing a sleeping bear to see if it will get mad.

Even if you find the ice safe, as is most often the case, you should still pay close attention to the noises it is making. Sometimes they are hardly noticeable, other times they are loud enough to cause you to

spill coffee – that you've already consumed.

The point is: you should never take the ice for granted, especially after your buddy says, "Hey, I found a nice red hat!"

That's why experienced ice anglers will carry a pair of ice picks attached to their coats by a rope. Not only will these things help you get out if you break through but they also come in handy when you visit the fellow who told you that the ice is safe.

Despite all these cautions, I would encourage anyone to enjoy a bright winter's day on good hard ice. Just make sure you are dealing with reasonable thickness. After all, despite good fishing and easy drilling, thin ice is not all it's cracked up to be.

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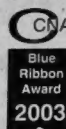
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Spring cleaning

WITH A YELP, CORA'S DOG came barrelling around the corner and into the kitchen. Carl had just made himself a nice mug of tea - strong and sweet, the way he liked it - when the dog bumped into his leg, causing him to spill half the tea on the floor. "What the -," he fumed, glaring at the floor, his mug, then the floor again. He heard rumblings and clattering from the basement, whence had come the dog. Grabbing a rag to wipe the floor, he called down to his wife.

"What's going on down there, Cora?" he asked. "You scared the dog who just about scalded me with my own tea."

"Oh Carl," came the distant reply. "How you exaggerate." The sounds continued unabated, with no further explanation.



down
our
road

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Sometime between New Year's Eve and the first week of January, Cora had decided to clean house. This was not the usual cleaning that happened randomly in the course of a week. This was major. Also, it didn't appear to be so much about dirt as about debris, the broken, unwanted bits and pieces of domestic life. Carl wasn't sure how to feel about it; ambiguous was probably the most accurate word.

Cora had not made any announcement of her decision to start going through shelves, closets and, finally, entire rooms in their house. She had started by saying she wanted to move the house plants farther away from the wood stove and, the next thing you knew, she was throwing some out and rearranging the north bedroom to accommodate the rest.

"Plants are like people," Cora told Carl. "They need a rest in the winter and sometimes they catch a terminal illness." They were having lunch at the time. Carl had just commented on the newly formed pond in their backyard, a result of the recent warm weather. Cora, her mind obviously on other things, had been looking at the water without seeming to see it. Then out of the blue, she said she had to do something about her plants, that the heat and dust from the woodstove was too hard on them. Next thing Carl knew, she had the front room rearranged, the plants were gone and the cats had taken off to parts unknown.

After the front room and the north bedroom, Cora had turned her attention to the hall closet. Old winter boots, odd mitts and gloves, ancient scarves and hats that hadn't been on a head for years were all tossed into a pile. "Take a look through these, Carl, and if you want any of it, grab it now and you better have a good reason, 'cause it's all going out." She had stood in front of Carl, pointing at the mass of old clothing just as he had settled himself for the hockey game. He complained but quickly went through what was there. He had a feeling he'd have to justify anything he wanted to keep but there was nothing.

As she sorted, pared down and re-arranged, Cora also cleaned. Old brass, glass and books were freed of dust and tarnish like never before. It was as though, as she tossed aside some possessions, Cora acquired a new appreciation, or at least interest, in others. "Why Carl," she said, not noticing that he wasn't very interested, "this old lamp has a brass base. I never noticed that before." His eyes on a deer making its tentative way toward the bird feeder, Carl had only grunted. He was happy to leave all that to her.

When she asked him to help her load the truck for a trip to the dump, he began to wonder what was up. The house looked shiny and fresh inside, the way a house does when you first move in and have everything just so, before daily living makes it look sloppy and a bit worn down. Now Cora was emptying the shed of cardboard boxes and broken planters and tools. This cleanup was expanding. What had set all this in motion, he asked himself, and when would it stop? Cora was just about out of places to tackle.

The answer came when she returned from the dump. Carl had made them grilled cheese sandwiches and tomato soup and it was waiting for her when she walked into the house. "Oh, Carl, you are a good man," she smiled, planting a kiss on his cheek. He grinned, enjoying the appreciation. They sat down to eat, watching the wind ripple that crazy pond in their January backyard.

"I almost expect a couple of ducks to land on it, like in the spring," Cora remarked, gazing out at the expanse of water as she sipped her soup. Carl didn't say anything, just sat watching her and waiting. He had a feeling there was more coming.

"You know, Carl," she began, "I've never felt as good about our house as I do right now. There were so many little things, like the overheated plants, that had been bothering me for a long time. Once I started changing one part, I felt I had to go on and do more and then more. Before I knew it, I didn't want to stop until it was all done. But now it is, it sure feels good. Kind of like redecorating, without the cost."

He was about to say that it sure looked good to him too when his wife continued. "My old friend Linda died two days after Christmas. Cancer. You didn't know her, Carl - I hadn't seen her in about five years. I regret that now. I kept meaning to drive down to the city for a visit but never got around to it. Then, before I could even see her in the hospital, she was gone." There was silence.

"So going after the house like you did - is that connected to Linda?" he asked, hoping he wasn't overstepping.

"Yes, I guess it is," she replied, sounding a bit surprised. "I guess I didn't want to put off doing something I knew would make me feel good. I just had to get started and the rest took care of itself."



pic of the past

It's been a long time since the drive down Dovers Hill on Hwy 118 provided this view. Haliburton United Church dominates the scene. The grassy area in the middle distance now has several houses as well as an electrical substation. The hill can be treacherous in winter today. We can only imagine what a challenge it must have been for drivers when it was a dirt track without guide rails

letters to the editor

Slippery sidewalks 'a disgrace'

To the Editor:

Everyone I talk to is fed up with the terrible walking conditions on the winter streets of Haliburton, yet these conditions continue, year after year after year! I think it's about time we start complaining, people! Loudly! The sidewalks (and parking lots) are a disgrace. What do these shameful conditions say to our visitors, too? "We don't care about your safety, we just want your money?"

And if icy sidewalks aren't enough, there's also the mounds of snow we must climb over, often only to step into a deep puddle of water!

The walkway along the lake and through the park, which should provide a wonderful place for us oldsters to take a daily constitutional, is,

more often than not, lethal; I have taken to walking along the roadway. Why should cars have it easier than us walkers?

Perhaps if enough of us complain, vociferously and often, we might effect a change in this policy - or lack of policy. We can begin by protesting to the businesses - and not just once; complain every time you're there! And loudly!

The town council and our reeve should be told that we're disgusted with this lack of fundamental care for our well-being. The address for Dysart et al is Box 389, Haliburton or phone 457-1740 or your Ward Councillor.

Jane Wykes,
Haliburton

Trustee shares her wish list for 2004

by Valerie Smith
Haliburton County Trustee, Trillium Lakelands
District School Board

Learning is a life-long process and I firmly believe that students should be encouraged to appreciate the love of learning. They should be provided every opportunity to reach their fullest potential

and I believe each one has the right to an education that provides them with that opportunity.

My wish for our school board for 2004 is that we may continue to go forward in the delivery of improved programs for our students. May we pursue to develop more programs such as our

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Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur





Too late the change her mind: Marcia Stuckless take the plunge



Bob Elder expresses the shock of the cold water

Polar Bears!

What a way to celebrate 2004

Amid whoops and cheers of support, 23 people leaped into the new year by hurling themselves into the frigid waters of Lake Kashagawigamog.

It was a festive scene as members of Allsaw Pentecostal Church gathered at the Ingoldsby beach on January 1 for what is becoming their New Year's tradition. Clad in their bathing suits, their faces and bodies festooned with paintings of polar bears, they drew a number and lined up in front of a hole in the ice. One after another, they took a deep breath, plugged their noses and jumped. As few seconds as possible later, they were climbing up a ladder back onto the ice to be wrapped in warm and waiting towels.

"It's actually very easy," says Haliburton's Cathy Mitchell, one of the organizers of the event. "It's amazing."



Aislyn MacLennan

The idea for the polar bear swim came from Greg Smith who suggested that the church find a fun way to greet the new year. Surprisingly, the church members leaped at the opportunity.

To onlookers on the shore, it seemed like a crazy way to say "Happy New Year" but Mitchell says there's an incredible amount of energy created among the parishioners, who had stayed up the night before and started the year with a bountiful breakfast at the church.

"It must be just wanting to conquer something that isn't natural," says Mitchell. "Who's going to jump into the lake because they like the cold?"

"It was great."



Robbie Balaski and Jillian Stahls



Michelle Cook and Kristin Teevens celebrate their courage



Anne Balaski



Robbie Balaski



Lindsay Mitchell helped by Greg Smith

Plunge is so much fun, it has become an annual January 1 event



Kelly Power



Wayne Stahls, Lindsay Mitchell, Kristin Teevens, Donna Both, Michelle Cook cheer other 'bears'

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Better education, more funding hoped for in 2002

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International Baccalaureate Program, World Class Schools, Program Enhancement Fund and SALEP program for students who have difficulty attending school. May we further develop and expand our e-learning opportunities for students and continue to focus on character education in all our schools.

May we continue to develop specialized programs and bring to our classrooms resources and equipment to support our students with special needs. This is a big challenge for our Board however. May we continue with such advancements as implementation of software that enables staff to create individual education plans electronically and databases that improve the way we manage information on our exceptional students.

May we continue to work closely with our Health Units to promote and support healthy nutrition programs in all our schools and promote active lifestyles. May we provide nutritional breakfast and snack programs in not only our elementary schools but our secondary schools as well, in order that no child need come into a classroom unable to learn because of hunger pains.

May we continue to work closely with our business communities to offer OYAP programs and co-operative education programs to our students.

May we continue to acknowledge the importance of the need for skilled trades workers and further our support of students interested in pursuing a skilled

trade. It has been indicated that 50% of all students that graduate from secondary school go directly into the work force. We need a skilled workforce to meet our local needs and provincially as well in order to remain competitive in the global economy.

May we continue to promote the importance of technical programs in our schools and work hard at developing these programs to meet the needs of these students. May we continue to work with community partners, like the Haliburton Homebuilders to strengthen our requests for technology renewal funding. We are proud of the work our board has done to date to promote the skilled trades. Our work in this area puts TLDSB ahead of many other boards in the province.

May we continue with our primary belief at TLDSB that our students are our focus and may all decisions remain based on what is best for our students.

May we continue to have the excellence in teaching, support and administrative staff that our board presently has.

May we continue to transport our over 15,000 students safely each day.

My final wish for 2004 is that as a board we are very pleased that the Ministry of Education has recognized the need for additional funding; may the Ministry continue to improve the funding in order for us to meet the costs for educating our students.

For the Year 2004, I wish everyone a very happy and safe new year and may the TLDSB continue to provide the best education service to our communities.



Musher heads for the finish in last year's race

New race date could work well

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wouldn't appreciate having to turn around and head home again.

The snow date may turn out to be very much in Haliburton's favour. There was a huge race scheduled in Colorado for the weekend of February 21 and 22 and the \$60,000 purse would have attracted all of North America's top teams. That race, however, was cancelled three weeks ago because of problems with the sponsors, leaving a big hole in the mushers' competition calendar.

Since that's the Haliburton race's snow date, the timing may prove to be fortuitous. "It could turn out to be a very good thing," McCready says of the postponement.

Haliburton offers a \$15,000 purse,

which is a good incentive for making the trip here.

As of Monday morning, 45 teams had signed up for the Haliburton race, with many more mushers saying they'd phone that day to check on the weather conditions before making a commitment.

Meanwhile, McCready and DeBruin's dog sled teams have been making the most of the available snow. Their business, Winterdance, has moved its operations to Curry Bishop's property near Haliburton Lake. Not only is the property north enough to keep its snow, but the undeveloped lakes have provided a beautiful setting for the trail rides.

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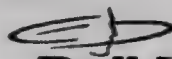
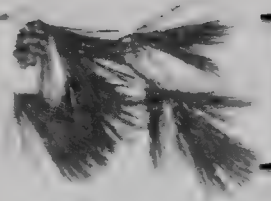
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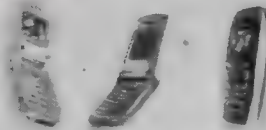
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When you have three clocks in your living room, time has to be a concern. For Melanie Howitt, that couldn't more of an understatement.

Howitt, a real leader of the HHSS wrestling team, may measure under 5'1" and weigh a little more than 112 lb, but she stands head and shoulders above everyone else with her dedication and a dominating record (12-1) to match.

The worn-out, fading white walking shoes she wrestles in compare little to the bright, burning desire she has to make OFSSA in her last year of eligibility after coming up one place short last year.

"This is it. I'm gone next year. This is my chance and I'm not going to pass it by," she says.

Her eyes light up at the name of 2003 OFSSA medallist Hannah Brown, representing the Quinte region, who handed her the only loss of this season through 13 matches at a gold medal match held in Port Hope. Not one to use curse words or profanity, she smiles, and says, "I want to kick her bum."

She says the loss was the best learning experience for her. It has been a thorn in her side ever since, motivating her at every practice and on every training run. She sees her while running up the stairs and asks herself, 'You going to let Hannah beat you? No.'

Howitt expects a different outcome will occur the next time they square off against each other.

She stays after every practice. When most of her teammates have left practice she watches and learns, seeking improvement in technique. Even during these holidays she continued her training with her goal still hanging in front of her like the proverbial carrot.

She applies a systematic approach to athletics as well as her life, telling me that anything worth achieving requires "baby steps".

With each match she keeps a written record of her opponents, including specific moves and tendencies, in a red spiral notebook. She brings this notebook with her opponents' information to all of her tournaments and uses it to know her opponents' strengths and weaknesses. She started this practice this season after her disappointing loss at COSSA last year, believing this could give her an edge over her competitors. Unlike the rest of her apartment where cleanliness is the absolute rule, she has yet to clean her socks and the T-shirt that she started wrestling with at the beginning of the season, more than two months ago.

"No one on the team dares to smell these," she said of the superstitious articles of clothing.

Despite her diminutive appearance this is a young woman with the heart of a lioness and a pounce to match. Often two to five inches shorter than her competitors, she rarely intimidates her opponents with her physical appearance at first glance. Just give her three minutes on the mat and her competitors sing a different tune.

Earlier this year before a semi-final match against a much taller opponent, she overheard that opponent make snide comments about her to other wrestlers about how quickly the match would be over because of the size difference and, unlike most wrestlers who wear wrestling boots, the white walking shoes she proudly shows me.

Howitt never takes any opponent

Wrestling wonder



DARREN LUM/Echo

HHSS Red Hawks wrestler Melanie Howitt is bound and determined to earn a berth to OFSSA.

Bantam AE Storm lose one win one

Storm lose second game in third

STEVE BELL

Special to the Echo

This past week the Bantam AE Storm were on the road playing the Fenelon Flyers, their first game against each other this hockey season.

In the first period the Storm came out flying with Kenton Winn and Robert Chapman setting the tone with bone-crunching hits to slow Fenelon down, but the Flyers scored first to take a short-lived lead: the Storm's Mitch Vanderlip responded just 40 seconds later on a centring pass from Jesse Tallman, with Todd Simms picking up the other assist. Then with just over one minute remaining in the period, Jesse Tallman banged one in with assists going to Robert Lowes and Kenton Winn. The Storm out-shot the Flyers 16-3.

In the second, with the score tied 2-2, Kenton Winn, looking like Bobby Orr, took the puck end to end and fired it low, stick-side, for the 3-2 lead. That seemed to spark the Storm because shortly after that they got another from Davis Reynolds with great work in the corner by Bill Kulas and Robert Lowes. Just 12 seconds later Kenton Winn's shot from the slot found the net with Bill Kulas and Robert Lowes picking up another assist each.

In the third, with the Storm up 5-2, Derek Carpenter

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DARREN LUM/Echo

Highland Storm forward Davis Reynolds drives hard to the net and gets off a shot, handled by the Huntsville Blues goaltender in the first period. The Storm were leading through the first, second and most of the third periods, but gave up the lead and the win late in the third.

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Wheels fall off in third period

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made a couple of heads-up plays, getting under the skin of the Flyers and not retaliating, leaving the Flyers a man short. It paid off on the second powerplay with Kenton Winn notching his third goal for the hat trick with Chace Thurston setting it up. They went on to win 6-2 and out-shot the Flyers 43-15.

In the second game the Storm were playing their rivals, the Huntsville Blues. In the first the Storm came out hitting with Bill Kulas and Kenton Winn knocking the stuffing from the Blues players. Again the Storm were down 1-0 before Dan Goodwin converted a Jessee Tallman pass from the corner to tie it. Then with good forechecking from Mitch Vanderlip and Jessee Tallman, Dan Goodwin banged in his second of the game for a 2-1 lead. Before the period ended Paddy Manuge came up with a great glove hand save on a Blues breakaway to keep his team up by one.

In the second period the Storm started on the power play and got a goal from Chace Thurston assisted by Todd Simms and Heather Mulholland. The Blues answered that with a goal two minutes later to climb within one. With the game close the Storm's Zak Prenger and John Murray threw some nice bodychecks to try to slow the Blues down. The Storm then ran into some penalties and with some great work from Storms penalty killers Davis Reynolds, Chace Thurston, John Murray, Kenton Winn and then Bill Kulas, Robert Lowes, Zach Pierson and Zak Prenger and some great saves from the Storms goaltending duo Jordan Collins and Paddy Manuge, they held off the Blues attack.

The Storm were working hard when they suddenly had themselves a two-man breakaway with Jessee Tallman and Dan Goodwin, with Tallman banging in the rebound for a 4-2 lead. Just 19 seconds later Dan Goodwin notched his hat trick and a 5-2 lead.

In the final period the wheels seemed to fall off with the Storm receiving eight penalties; the Blues scored power play goals and one empty net goal to beat the Storm 7-5.

The Storm's next home game is Sunday January 18 at noon in Minden against these same Blues.



DARREN LUM/Echo

Above: Storm captain Bill Kulas breaks away from the Blues players in the final few minutes of the game. **Bottom left:** Highland Storm forward Mitch Vanderlip wheels around just off to the side of the Blues net in the first period. Storm lost 7-5 after leading for most of the game.



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Howitt credits her coaches with wrestling success and opportunity for OFSSA berth

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lightly, even ones who severely underestimate her. She treats every person she wrestles as a capable opponent. When she heard the comments she stored them in her mind and didn't say a word. As soon as the referee started the match Howitt was attacking. Within 45 seconds she had slammed the girl on her back and taken the win with a head and arm pin.

Surprising people is what she does and it gives her a certain quiet satisfaction to change people's perception, especially those that underestimate her, she said.

You'll never catch her talking trash even if people deserve it. She would rather let her wrestling speak for itself. When she does speak, though rapid, it's often with a softness that doesn't compare to the powerhouse capable of slamming her opponents.

She gives credit to both coaches, Paul Klose and Dan Fockler, for her current reputation as one of the most feared wrestlers in her weight class.

"None of this would be possible without them," she said.

Their extra efforts, which may seem small, have made a huge impact on her. She adds when they stay late after practice, going over technique and execution, it gives her more knowledge and skill in the sport. She

likens their role to that of fathers rather than coaches.

Armed with the determination of a bulldog, she's likely to surprise no one except herself and those on her team who have seen her train. This personal goal drives her, but it doesn't stop her from helping her teammates. She is well liked and respected by everyone on the team.

"Everyone seems to be comfortable approaching me. I don't mind helping out," she said. With her experience she has learned that the little things can be the difference between winning and losing.

A minor change of level during attacks can throw off opponents' defenses she said.

Klose admires her dedication and willingness to help teammates. Her efforts at practice are showing results he adds, and she is a model for other wrestlers to follow.

This wrestling phenom isn't restricted to excelling only on the mats. Throughout much of her high school career she has participated on the field hockey and soccer teams, even being voted the MVP for the Grade 10 and Grade 12 soccer teams — she missed the entire Grade 11 soccer season because of the difficulties and time of moving out on her own.

Idleness doesn't seem to be in her vocabulary as she

is involved in a variety of things outside of athletics. Howitt has chaired peer mentoring, even mentoring two students twice a week, organized the HHSS Smoking Stinks campaign and has encouraged students to listen to the morning public announcements with her questions of the week (Benton Brown partnered with her on the initiative), volunteered with the lunch and reading buddy programs, been an Environment Minister with the HHSS Student Activity Council (SAC), participated in the Model United Nations, Sunship, World Vision's 30-hour famine, SAC spirit events, and Terry Fox Runs, including a first place last year. She is about to participate in theatrical productions for the spring festival that will include a duologue with Laura Stouffer.

"I'm starting to see all of my hard work paying off. It's feeling good," she said.

Even with a job at Rexall that keeps her busy most weekends, she has most evenings, afternoons during school spares booked for baby sitting duties, but still maintains top academic marks. She has aspirations for a career that helps children, whether as a nurse or in the field of early childhood education.

First things first, though, for this overachieving young woman...a spot at OFSSA and a chance at gold.

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Just before the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's Christmas performance the anti-smoking committee—Sarah Britton, Danielle Clements, Josh Wales, Vanessa Davis, vice-principal Irv Sternberg and chair Melanie Howitt — honoured the winners of the campaign's initiative.

HHSS anti-smoking campaign gets results

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

A higher than provincial average rate of students butting out at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School is attributed to a strong quit-smoking campaign led by students.

Anne-Marie Cyr, a public health nurse with the local Health Unit, says that Health For Life made \$950 in prize money available to students who contributed the best anti-smoking message by using the written word, art, drama and music. She says when more interest than anticipated was generated she went out and found other prizes for the campaign.

Cyr credits the enthusiasm to Vice-principal Irv Sternberg who has set a goal of creating a smoke-free school. Sternberg has been working for three years on anti-smoking campaigns. Cyr says there are comprehensive no-smoking campaigns at the elementary level but not at the secondary.

The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health's statistics suggest that the percentage of students smoking in Ontario rises from 4.4 per cent in Grade 7 to 30.2 per cent in Grade 12. Cyr says she would love to have the funding to do a comprehensive study at HHSS because staff there believe the rate at HHSS is far

lower.

"Irv has been working hard. I really feel our (smoking) rates are lower than average and I credit him with that - for being able to gauge the students and how to get through to them. He makes the campaign happen but he empowers the students to decide how to carry out," says Cyr.

Sternberg of course passed the buck back to Health For Life for supporting the campaign and to this year's Smoking Stinks campaign organizer Melanie Howitt. Cyr and Sternberg were both extremely impressed with Howitt's ability to round up a strong committee consisting of Josh Wales, Sarah Britton, Danielle Clements, and Vanessa Davis and in keeping them on track.

The committee came up with posters, contests and publicity around the larger contest to generate student interest. Howitt says they gave out key chains, hats and other small prizes. Howitt says they tied the Smoking Stinks campaign to the peer mentoring program by having the peer mentors introduce it and talk about it in classes.

"In the first three weeks or so we only had two entries and I thought, 'Oh no, this really flopped,' and then they started coming in. We had about a 100 entries in the end, more than we were expecting. We had to split the music and drama category," says Howitt.

Cyr says the entries were amazing and she is hoping to showcase the winners in the newspaper, in posters and on local radio.

Those winners in first, second and third respectively are:

Writing: Melanie Shapiera, Arlen Davis-Mighton, and Racheal Outram

Art: James Roberts, the group of Larry

Reynolds, Erika Roberts, Stephanie Stevens and Laura Plouffe, and Kourtney Matysek

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Staff Reporter

The copper wire unexpectedly twists the wrong way beneath her fingers as Krista Ross takes a deep breath and tries again to bend the wire to her will.

Despite the challenge of the medium, Ross says she has really enjoyed learning the unusual art of wire sculpture under the tutelage of sculptor Charles O'Neil. O'Neil worked with her Grade 12 and another art class at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School for three weeks as an artist in residence - a program made possible through the Sculpture Committee of the Haliburton Community Development Corporation. The committee cobbled together enough funding this year to hire George Pratt and O'Neil to teach at the high school as well as purchase a sculpture from each artist.

Pratt is a stone sculptor from Vancouver who grew up in Minden and attended the high school in its first year of operation almost 50 years ago. He completed his residency with the students last May. O'Neil is also a Haliburton High graduate and finished his work with the students on Dec. 19. He is still working on the human form in wire that he will install in a natural rock formation in the Sculpture Forest so that his sculpture will look up through a canopy in the trees.

Wandering from desk to desk, O'Neil had a constant smile as he gave a word of advice here or a compliment there. He has a fair amount of experience teaching these challenging techniques through his work with Sir Sandford Fleming College's School of The Arts program. O'Neil is the uncommon example of a Haliburtonian born and bred, who has made a good living out of being an artist - the most important lesson he wishes to impart to the high school students.

The importance and value of art to this community has dramatically

DARREN LUM/Echo



HHSS student Krista Ross pauses with her wire flower, listening to the high school's artist in residence, sculptor Charles O'Neil.

changed since O'Neil was the one sitting at a high school desk. In his day there were no art classes.

"When I went to school the arts were considered to be a hobby, not a career thing. Times have changed. There are so many more opportunities now for these kids, whether it's in graphic design or traditional art," says O'Neil.

He studied fine arts after high school with a background in classical life drawing and painting. He earned awards for his painting in juried competitions during the 1980s. By the 1990s he became interested in three-dimensional sculptures and moved into the use of metals. He earned a visual and creative arts diploma and an Artist Blacksmith Certificate from SSFC. O'Neil went on to develop a method of creating sculptures of wire commonly

found at most building supply companies. The theme of his work tends to be the human form and humour - the latter much appreciated by his students.

"It's fun. I like it. Getting the main structure was pretty hard but I like (working with wire). It's a good learning experience working with something different," says Rebecca Harvey, one of the students. Her preference is pottery but Rebecca says she's happy as long as she's working with her hands.

Yuka Horie, a Japanese exchange student, peers at the wire frame of the pagoda she is creating as a gift to send home. It is a replica of a building near the school she attended in Japan. Yuka says she is enjoying the art class and O'Neil's help and is impressed with what they have accomplished since she

did not study art in Japan and doesn't consider herself the artistic type. O'Neil is amazed by her work and says she has done an excellent job.

Marc Hienstra, the Grade 12 teacher, says having O'Neil in the classroom not only provides the students with a good mentor who can talk about the economic realities of surviving as an artist but also gives the students a chance to explore a medium not otherwise offered in the normal curriculum.

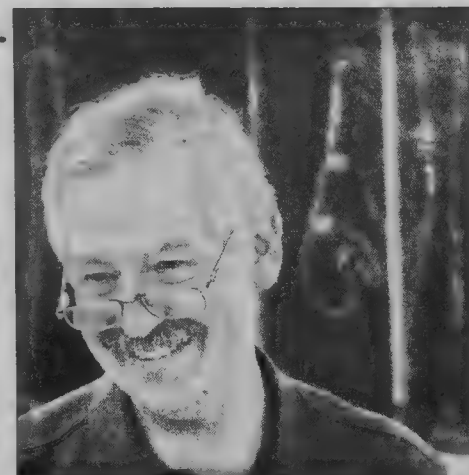
"This program is fantastic. I wish he could be here all year. This is a kind of once-in-a-lifetime chance for these kids. They're extremely fortunate. These students have an excellent head start with the wealth of experience now in this county," says Hienstra.

O'Neil asked the class how many

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DARREN LUM/Echo



Participating students rose to the challenge, says O'Neil

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were interested in pursuing art when they graduate at the end of the year and about half the class put up their hands. Hienstra says having O'Neil there is inspiring to those students and helps them to see their dreams as being "more tangible."

Ross is one of those students. "It's encouraging to see an artist in the area making it, especially here

where it's not busy," she says.

Ross continually fusses with her creation, a lily formed out of wire, as she talks. The copper petals of the lily in her hands shine and, while she credits O'Neil's patience for helping to get her small sculpture that far, he's just as quick to point out that she is the one who designed it and shaped it.

O'Neil agreed with Hienstra that, while the students originally underestimated the amount of time and effort it

would take to create their sculptures, they had at the end of the three weeks admirably risen to the challenge.

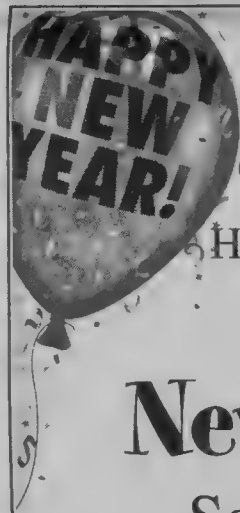
"They come up with these great ideas I've never thought of and challenge me. I find it quite exciting to watch their progression. I tell them there's always a time in every project when you really don't like it but it comes together in the end if you persevere," says O'Neil, speaking as much about the sculptures in their hands as their careers.

Top left: Ross works on her piece in the art room during the last day of instruction.

Top right: A student adds a mane to her horse sculpture.

Above: Charles O'Neil shares a laugh with a student as his examples of wire figures hang behind him against a curtained window.

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WELL IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR that now the holidays are over we all want to shed a few pounds. The best way is to start introducing lower fat meals into your menus.

Going on a full diet never worked for me so this year let's try to add one low fat dish a week. Here are some new ones to try.

FETTUCCINE AND SMOKED SALMON

Salt and pepper
8oz-dried fettuccine
1 tsp olive oil
1 garlic clove chopped finely
2 oz smoked salmon cut into thin strips
One and quarter cups watercress leaves

Bring large pot of water to boil, with added salt. Add the pasta and cook for 8-10 minutes until al dente (firm to the bite)

Meanwhile heat the olive oil in a large non-stick skillet. Add the garlic and cook over low heat, stirring constantly, for 30 seconds. Add the salmon and watercress's season to taste with pepper and cook for a an additional 30 seconds or until the watercress has wilted.

Drain the cooked pasta and return to the pan. Mix the salmon and watercress with the pasta. Toss the mixture thoroughly using 2 large folks. Divide between 4 large serving plates and garnish with watercress. Serve immediately. Serves 4

Calories per serving 222 ; Protein 11g; Carbohydrate 42g; Sugars 2 g; Fat 3g; Saturates 0 g

LAYERED VEGETABLE BAKE

1 tbsp olive oil. for brushing
1 and half lb potatoes
2 leeks or zucchini's
2 beefsteak tomatoes
8 fresh basil leaves
1 garlic clove, finely chopped
One and half cup vegetable stock
Salt and pepper

Preheat the oven to 350°. Brush ovenproof dish with a bit of the olive oil. Prepare all the vegetables. Peel and thinly slice potatoes, trim and thinly slice the leeks, and slice the tomatoes. Place a layer of potato slices in the bottom of the dish, sprinkle with half of the basil leaves and cover with a layer of leeks. Top with a layer of tomato slices. Repeat these layers until all the vegetables are used up ending with a layer of potatoes.

Stir in the chopped garlic into the vegetable stock

and season to taste with salt and pepper. Pour the stock over the vegetables and brush the top with the remaining olive oil.

Bake the preheated oven for one and half hours or until the vegetables are tender and the topping is golden brown. Serve immediately. Serves 4

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Two-third cup low fat thick yoghurt
1 tbsp finely chopped fresh mint
2 tsp finely grated lime rind

Mix the mint, honey and lime juice in a large bowl and season to taste with salt and pepper. Use toothpicks to keep the chicken thighs in neat shapes

and add the chicken to the marinade, turning to coat evenly.

Cover with plastic wrap and let the chicken marinate in the fridge for at least 30 min. Remove the chicken from the marinade and drain. Set aside the marinade. Preheat the broiler to medium. Place the chicken on a broiler rack and cook under the hot broiler for 15-18 minutes or until chicken is tender and the juices run clear when a tip of a knife is inserted in the thickest part to the meat.

Turn the chicken frequently and baste with the marinade OR cook over a bbq.

Meanwhile combine all the sauce ingredients in a bowl. Remove the toothpicks and serve with a salad and the sauce for drippings

Serves 6/Calories 170/Protein 23 g/Carbohydrate 12g/Sugars 12g/Fat 3g/Saturates 2g

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N.B. There was an error in the baking column from two weeks ago. It should be 3 cups flour not butter.

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Poet to speak at writers' lunch

ROBYN THOMAS

Special to The Echo

The Haliburton Highlands Writers and Editors Network warmly welcomes Lea Harper as the guest speaker at its buffet luncheon at the Delta Pinestone on Thurs., Jan. 15.

The Kennisis Lake resident will share her 30 years of experience as a professional songwriter and poet and also provide a short reading.

Harper's evocative poetry is akin to cupping an



Poet Lea Harper

exquisite sea-shell to the ear, and listening to a flow of words compelling and passionate. She will address the practical concerns of writers such as reproduction and lending rights, residuals, grants and promotion.

A recipient of The LaPointe Prize for Poetry and double-winner of The People's Political Poem contest, Lea Harper is the author of two collections of poems and three recordings. Daniel Richler described her works as "universal - transcending today's popular psychic

symbols and mythologies."

Her music has taken her to Los Angeles, Jamaica and South America. Along with twin sister, Lyn, Syren received a Juno nomination and won The Canadian Reggae Award for Top Duo.

Ms. Harper's poems have been widely published in literary journals and anthologies in Canada, U.S. and the UK. She has written articles for billboard Magazine, N.Y., reviews for the League's Online Bookstore and has sat on literary juries, most recently, the Pat Lowther Memorial Award in 2002.

Lea Harper lives on Kennisis Lake with her partner and two daughters.

Please phone Marjorie Green at 286-2592 by Monday Jan. 12 to reserve your place in the Minden Room at Delta Pinestone Resort. The luncheon is \$20 for non-members and \$18 for members. An area will be provided for local writers to display business cards, brochures, information or products for distribution. Announcements of interest may be made at the end of the presentation. Please call Pauline Johnson at 489-3878 with announcement information if you cannot attend.

HHWEN looks forward to sharing this opportunity with you to enjoy Lea Harper's poetry and insights over a delicious luncheon.

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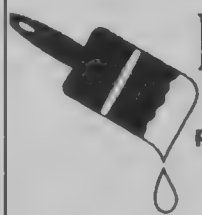
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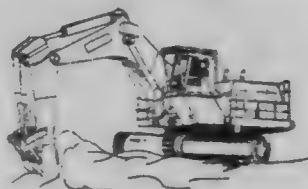
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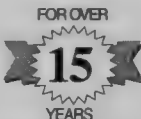
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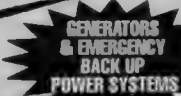
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The Kawartha Pine Ridge
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Lesley Tusch, Karin Aschenbrenner, and Deborah Hare-Colpitts

Jakob Bull is getting a lift – and in the process – giving his mom Karin Aschenbrenner a boost. Jakob is back in the waiting arms of his mother. Just moments before, Family Health Nurse Deborah Hare-Colpitts had carefully lifted him up and placed him on a scale to check his weight.

“Right on,” Deborah says. “He’s gained weight from our last visit.”

Karin smiles. Every mom wants to hear that their baby is healthy and growing – and Jakob fits the bill. Karin puts Jakob down so she can get a new diaper on him, then remembers to ask Deborah about something else she needs for her son.

Visiting parents of young children and providing them with the advice and support they need is a significant part of what Deborah and other Family Health staff at the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit do. Family Health is an appropriate name for this Health Unit department, which strives to put the term health into family.

“Families are the cornerstone of our society,” says Fiona Gowing, Director of the Family Health with the HKPR District Health Unit. “We need to support them anyway we can, because it is in families that we grow and acquire the skills and knowledge we need for success later in life.”

Child development is particularly crucial in the first few years of life, Gowing notes. She cites the groundbreaking Early Years Study commissioned by the Ontario government in 1997 that notes: “the early years of development from

conception to age six....set the base for competence and coping skills that will affect learning, behaviour and health throughout life.”

Lesley Tusch puts it another way: “A young child’s brain is like a sponge,” she says. “It takes in everything, so you want to make sure the everything being taken in is appropriate.”

Lesley is a Family Home Visitor with the Health Unit, who works closely with Family Health Nurses like Deborah in doing home visits with parents. The visits are an integral part of the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children program, a province-wide initiative that is one of the many services offered locally by the Health Unit’s Family Health Department.

Healthy Babies, Healthy Children is a prevention and early intervention initiative designed to assist all parents with the care and well-being of their children from before birth to six years of age.

Healthy Babies, Healthy Children also

includes screening of pregnant women, new mothers and their babies, and developmental screening of children up to six years. Parents are provided with information about child health and development and linked with other support services available in the community. The home visiting component allows for parents to receive one-to-one support as they strive to provide the best care possible for their children.

On the first visit, Family Health Nurses will meet with the parent and discuss how they are doing. Deborah will check on the child’s health to see if everything is OK and will leave a variety of print resources with the parent to help them learn more about topics as diverse as breastfeeding, nutrition, healthy growth and development, child safety and parenting issues such as discipline. Deborah will also refer the parent to the host of community agencies available to help local families.

“The first visit is all about building a

relationship,” says Deborah. “We tell the parent we’re here for them.” The nurse will help the parent identify goals that they want to achieve, and subsequent visits focus on helping the parent to meet those goals.

As a Family Home Visitor, Lesley sees her role as further nurturing the relationship between child and parent.

“I’m there to listen, offer encouragement, and provide practical information about how to create an environment where children can develop to their full potential,” she says.

In the months since Jakob’s birth, Lesley has worked closely with Deborah to offer additional resources and support to mom Karin. Besides seeing how mom and baby are doing, Lesley makes a special effort on her visits to read and play with Karin’s older son – two-year-old Evan – to ensure he feels included in the mix.

The challenges faced by local families vary widely, so Deborah and Lesley know they must be ready to respond in different ways. But both realize the common thread that runs through everything Family Health staff do.

“We are here to help parents and their families,” says Deborah. “We know that all parents want to give their children the best start they can in life. Our goal is to help parents build on the strengths that they already have.”

Adds Lesley: “Parents want to do the best they can for their children. Our job is simply to be a helping hand.”

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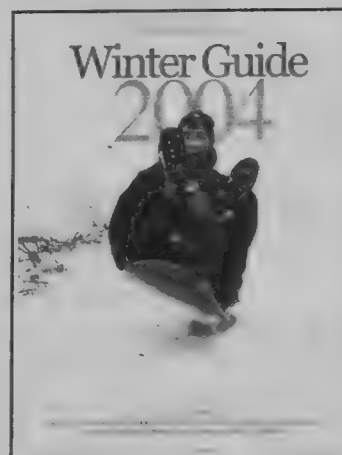
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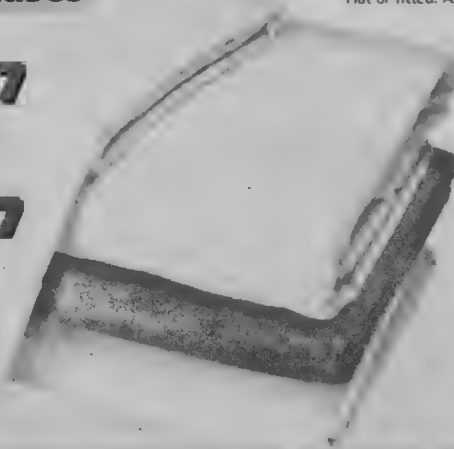
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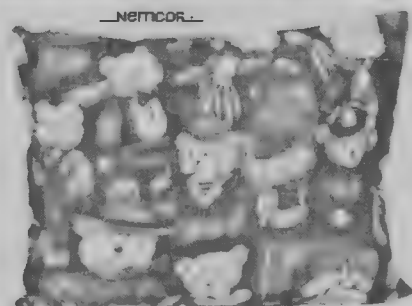
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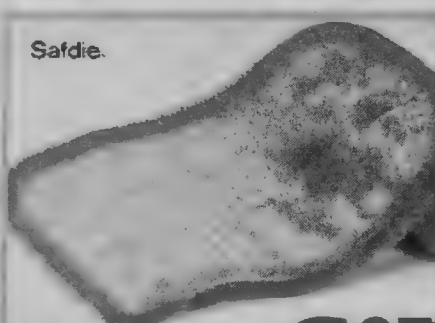
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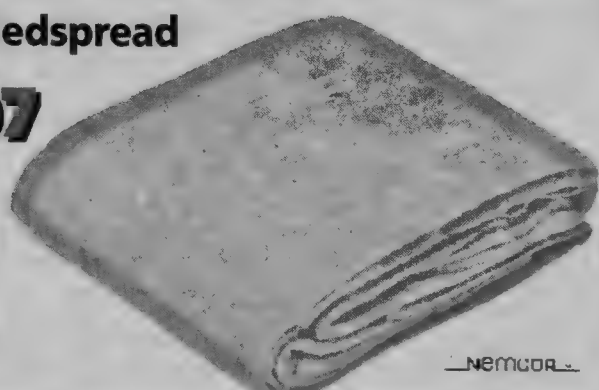
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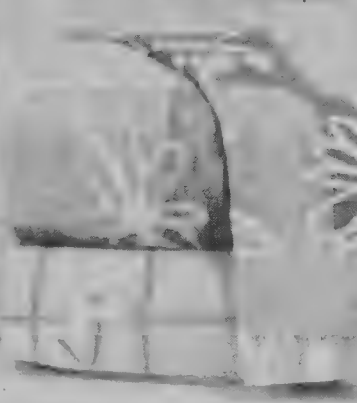
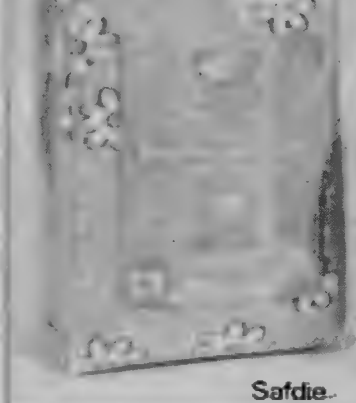
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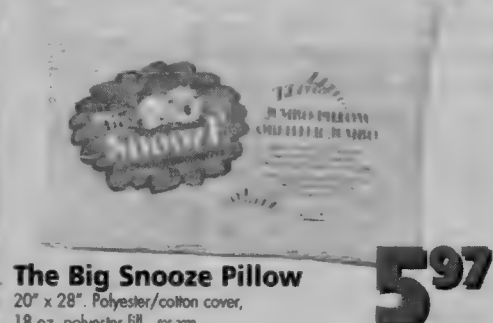
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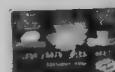


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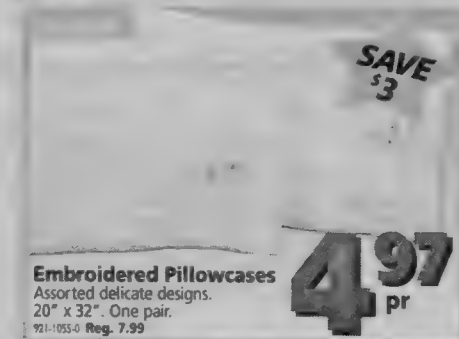
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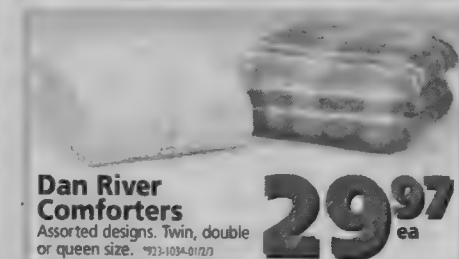
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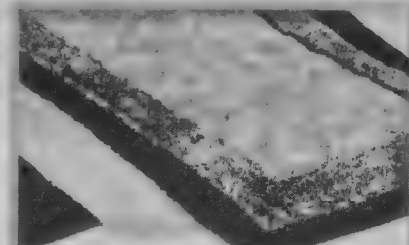
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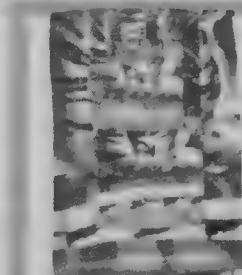


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Towel Set
Includes face cloth, hand towel and bath towel. Assorted designs.
926-8016-01/2/3/4
9⁹⁷

Wildlife Collection



Shower Curtain
70" x 72". Coordinates with towel sets.
927-1094-01/2/3/4
14⁹⁷

Available in these designs

Rubbermaid

SAVE
\$4

Wire Shower Caddy
Vinyl coated. 8.5" x 5.5" x 19".
927-5018-01/2/3/4
Reg. 11.99
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4 Piece Bathroom Accessory Set

Marble design. Assorted colours. Tumbler, toothbrush holder, soap dish and waste basket.

927-5018-01/2/3/4



COMPARE OUR PRICES

WITH MAJOR COMPETITORS

Sunbeam

IQ™ Warming Blanket

	COMPETITORS	OUR PRICE!	YOUR SAVINGS!
Twin (each)	\$99.99	\$49.99	\$50
Double	\$129.99	\$54.99	\$75
Queen	\$159.99	\$59.99	\$100
King	\$189.99	\$64.99	\$125

COMPETITORS

OUR PRICE!

While Quantities Last

YOUR SAVINGS!

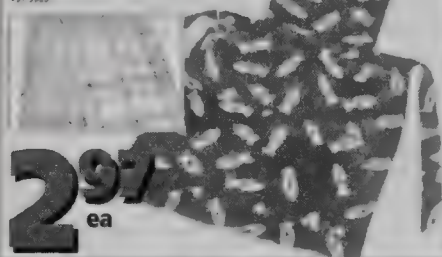


Printed Velour Kitchen Towels
6 Pack
15" x 25". Assorted designs.

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Bib Style Apron
2 pockets, assorted prints.

931-5025



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Kitchen Co-ordinates

Assorted colours with striped border.

Terry Dishcloths
2 Pack

931-7857-01/03-4

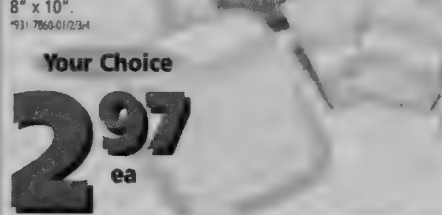
Terry Tea Towel

18" x 28"

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Potholder
8" x 10"

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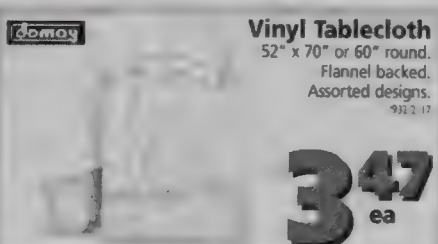


Your Choice
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Twill Placemat
13" x 19". Assorted solid colours.

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Vinyl Tablecloth
52" x 70" or 60" round. Flannel backed. Assorted designs.

931-2-17

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Ironing Board Pad & Cover Set
10 year warranty. Hugger style. Assorted prints.

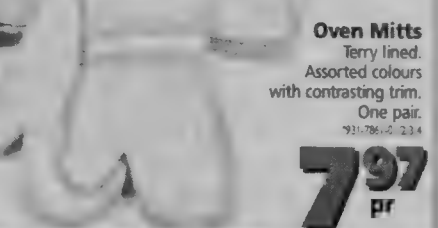
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Polka Dot Tea Towel
2 Pack
Waffleweave, assorted colours.

931-7859-01/03-4

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Oven Mitts
Terry lined. Assorted colours with contrasting trim. One pair.

931-7861-01/03-4

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Cushion Forms

14" Square

996-4003-1

Reg. 4.99

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16" Square

996-4005-1

Reg. 5.99

3⁷⁷

20" Square

996-4006

Reg. 6.99

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Bolster Pillow
8" x 16"

996-4029

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Ready to Cross Stitch
Assorted stamped designs.

Tablecloth
45" x 45". Perle edge.

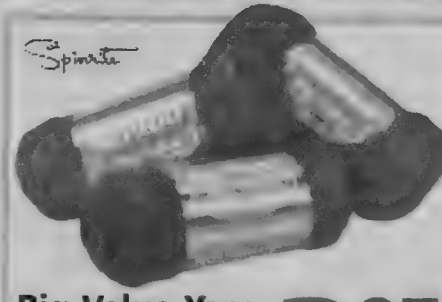
981-80-01/03

Pillowcases
30" x 42". One pair. Lace edge.

981-80-01/03-4

Your Choice

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Big Value Yarn

Knitting worsted weight. Solid colours 170 g., variegated colours 135 g.

981-50-51/03-5010-049

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Soft Landing Quilt Batting

Double
78" x 100"

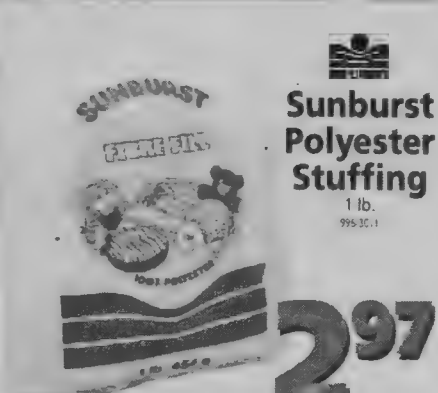
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Queen
90" x 108"

996-3004

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Sunburst Polyester Stuffing
1 lb.

996-30-1

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Collapsible Storage Solutions

All made of plasticized nylon.

Under Bed
39" x 18" x 6"

95-3-53

Suit/Dress Bag
23" x 39"

95-3-54

Your Choice

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Small Box
11" x 12" x 6"

95-3-50

Laundry Hamper
With cover.

16" x 16" x 24"

95-3-161

Your Choice

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Large Clothes Closet
12" x 23" x 49"

95-3-160

Over-the-Door Hooks
Assorted styles. 5 hooks.

98-5000-01-0

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Plastic Hangers get you organized!

Regular
10 Pack

White or green.

198-5048-01/2

Heavy Duty
3 Pack

White or green.

198-5049-01/2

Kids'
10 Pack

Assorted colours.

198-5049-01/2

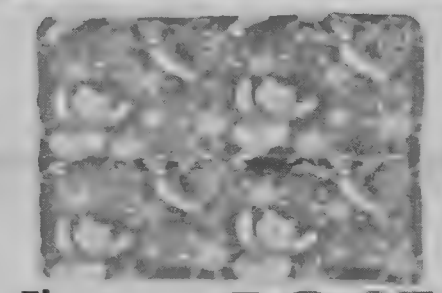
Pant/Skirt
2 Pack

White.

198-5049-01/2

Your Choice

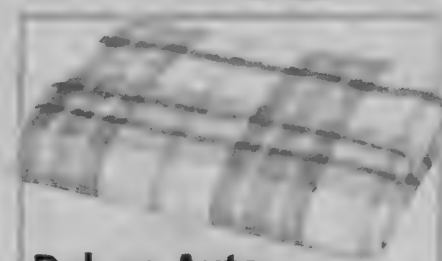
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Fleece Throw

Assorted licensed designs. 50" x 60".

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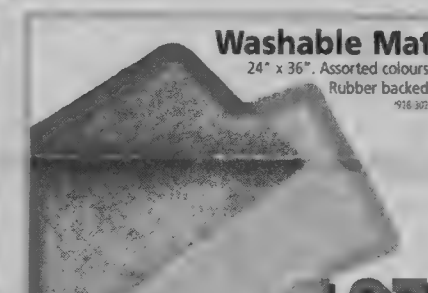


Deluxe Auto Blanket

Acrylic/polyester. Assorted plaids. 54" x 76".

922-1007

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Washable Mat
24" x 36". Assorted colours.

Rubber backed.

926-301

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Expand-A-Grip Quilted Mattress Pad

Twin

924-5210-0

Reg. 14.99

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Double

924-5210-0

Reg. 19.99

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Queen

924-5210-0

Reg. 21.99

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Up to \$7

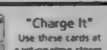
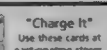
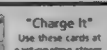
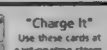
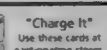
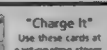
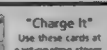
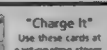
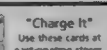
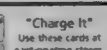
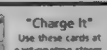
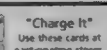
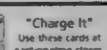
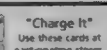
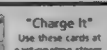
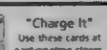
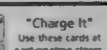
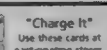
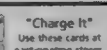
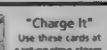
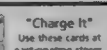
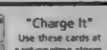
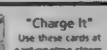
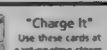
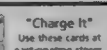
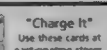
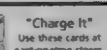
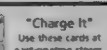
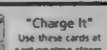
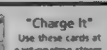
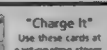
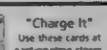
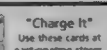
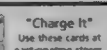
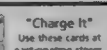
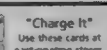
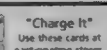
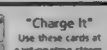
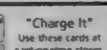
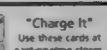
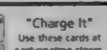
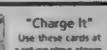
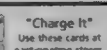
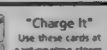
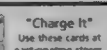
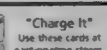
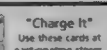
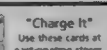
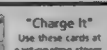
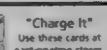
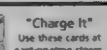
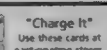
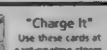
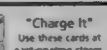
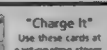
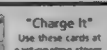
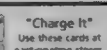
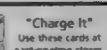
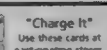
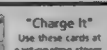
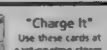
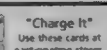
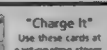
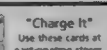
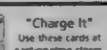
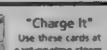
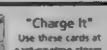
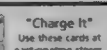
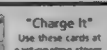
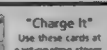
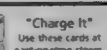
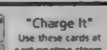
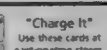
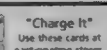
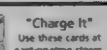
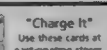
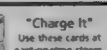
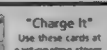
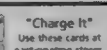
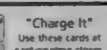
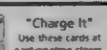
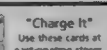
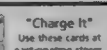
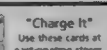
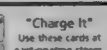
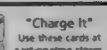
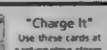
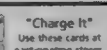
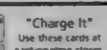
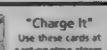
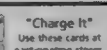
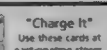
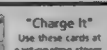
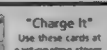
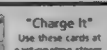
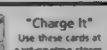
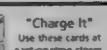
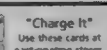
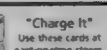
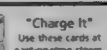
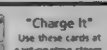
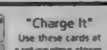
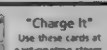
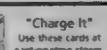
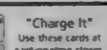
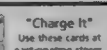
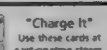
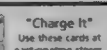
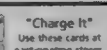
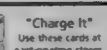
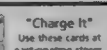
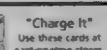
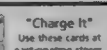
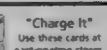
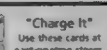
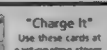
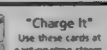
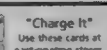
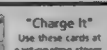
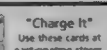
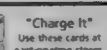
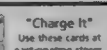
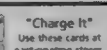
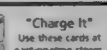
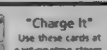
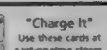
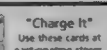
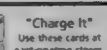
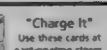
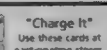
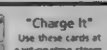
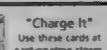
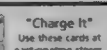
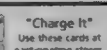
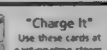
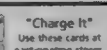
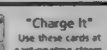
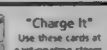
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Joan Peacock's personal experience an education for ladies

Eeeek! It's New Year's Day and I'm finally sitting down to write a report on December's LIFT meeting. December 4 seems a life time away — it's been so busy!

LIFT stands for Ladies In Fellowship Together, a monthly get-together at the West Guilford Community Centre.

Those of you who were there will remember Pat Tomiuck. She and her husband own the Cottage Country Log Cabin store in West Guilford. Moving to the Highlands from Welland a year and a half ago, the Tomiucks and their two sons took over that lovely log building on Kennisis Lake Road across from the West Guilford Grocery Store. Having cottaged here for 15 years, the family decided to start a business and now run a cottage country gift store with a northwoods theme. Pat showed us some of the products they offer. She even graced our snack table with some of their good old Canadian fudge. It was enthusiastically eaten by many of the women that night. With their service of free gift wrapping and custom gift baskets, it was a store well worth visiting during the Christmas season.

Toos Reid brought her unique musical gifts to us. We almost didn't have special music that night, as the scheduled musicians had to cancel due to health issues and then their substitute had to pull out at the last minute. Contacted at 4 p.m. that afternoon, Toos quickly pulled out some of her Christmas music and graciously agreed to fill in. Having Toos at our December meeting is becoming a tradition, as this is the third year in a row she was able to come and lead us in a stirring carol sing. She sang "Christmas Shoes", a song that never fails to stir and bless its audience.

The special speaker, Joan Peacock, came to us from Peterborough. Although an experienced public speaker, Joan confided that this is the first time she had been specifically asked to share her life story and she was nervous.

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L. Ruth Carter

She was no stranger to feelings of insecurity. Most of her childhood was marked by illness that was not properly diagnosed or treated until she was twelve. Missing a lot of school, by the time she was in high school, she was two years behind her peers. Believing herself to be stupid, she hid behind drab clothes, long hair, and later, her husband and kids. As a teenager and young adult, she was paralysed by shyness. Married at the age of 20, she and her husband Brian moved to the East Coast where he studied theology. Their two children were born during this period. After ordination into the Baptist ministry, Brian took a small church in Nova Scotia.

But their life was difficult. It seemed to be more "poorer than richer", more "worse than better", more "sickness than in health." They seemed to go from problem to problem, from crisis to crisis, compounded, so Joan believed, by their immaturity. Then one stormy night, things came to a head and Brian spiralled out of control.

What was diagnosed as a nervous

breakdown ended Brian's ministerial career and the family of four returned to Richmond Hill where they lived in the basement of Joan's parents' home. Joan angrily thought Brian should smarten up. Twenty years of hell is how Brian later described it before he was diagnosed with a bipolar disorder and got much-needed help. While Brian is still unable to work full time, the last 10 years have been much better.

Joan describes it as bursting from a cocoon and becoming a glorious butterfly. She no longer hides behind unattractive clothes and hair. She no longer hovers in the background. She has completed a business diploma at Sir Sandford Fleming College and serves on the Board of Canadian Mental Health. She and Brian run "Search to Find Ministries", counselling and help for women who, like Joan, care for family members with mental illness. This transformation, she insists, is because somehow, through all the trials, she knows Jesus was with her, holding her hand.

The meeting closed with Toos Reid teaching us a song about the night when Jesus was born.

January 8 is the next meeting. Our special feature will be Franka Andriano, whose cooking column in this newspaper tempts the most stoic of dieters. Terry Upton of Eagle Lake will provide the music. Elizabeth Hutchinson of Carnarvon will be the guest speaker. It will be particularly good to have Elizabeth back with us as she was the first chair of the LIFT meetings when they started, in the basement of the West Guilford Baptist Church and we have missed her the last couple of years.

Community mourning the loss of a courageous woman

Janet and Elwood Morrison were travellers over the holiday, flying down east to spend Christmas with Janet's sister, Elaine Taylor, in Rosebank, PEI. Elaine's daughter, Sara Taylor, from Ottawa accompanied them for the holiday from Dec. 22 - 29th.

Bill and Myra Marshall's daughter Tracey and her fiancé spent about a week with the Marshalls. They were on hand to help with the New Year's Eve dance at the Centre which, as always, was well attended and enjoyed by all who came. The D.J. being Jamie Bacon. Buffet was served at midnight,

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having been prepared by the Marshalls and appreciated by those they served.

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In the midst of all the celebrations came the sad news of the death of Kim Drumheller on December 28th. The grief of her husband Rick Rutting and their daughter Raven is shared by the neighbours and friends who knew her well and who admired her courage and the verve which she brought to life despite her difficulties. Her athletic accomplishment in running before her accident was a source of admiration to the community and her passing will leave a sad space in our lives.

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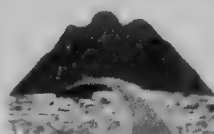
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360 ENGAGEMENTS

Glen and Heather Scully of Haliburton are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter

SHERYL ELEANOR

to

CRAIG MICHAEL

son of Denny and Lyn Maloney of London, Ontario. Wedding to take place in London July, 2004.

390 PUBLIC NOTICES

PLEASE BE ADVISED as of December 30, 2003, James Reilly will no longer be held responsible for any debts incurred by Sandy Cargini.

440 THANK YOU

STAN'S SHELL has a very sad tale to tell. As of February 2, 2004 you will see new faces. Yes Stan's Shell has been sold. We would like to Thank everyone for all the wonderful years we have had at Stan's and all the wonderful people we have met. We will miss you all. The Staff of Stan's Shell.

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460 OBITUARIES

AT REST

FRANKLIN CHARLES "FRANK" BARNUM

Passed away peacefully at the Carissant Care in Lindsay on Saturday, January 3, 2004. In his 86th year. Predeceased by his wife Alice Barnum. Lovingly remembered by his dear friend Maisie Mintz and by her family. Father of Frances Brown of North Carolina, Marie Reid of Edinburgh, Scotland, grandfather of Stephen and Bonnie of North Carolina, Paul of Scotland and 8 great grandchildren. Predeceased by brothers Harry, Oliver, Clayton, Cleve, Sidney and by sisters Alma, Thelma, Olga and Laura. Fondly remembered by nieces, nephews and friends in Haliburton. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Monday, January 5, 2004 from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. Legion and Funeral Services in the chapel on Tuesday, January 6, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. Spring Interment at Maple Lake United Church Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

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460 OBITUARIES

BREIVIK, OLAF WILFRED - In loving memory of Wilfred Breivik who passed away peacefully at Princess Margaret Hospital, on December 30, 2003 in his 69th year. Beloved husband of Lizzi Breivik. Dear father of Erik (Monique), Karen, Carl and Britta (Patrick). Loving grandfather of Ryan and Leah, Jessica and Jennifer. Brother of Annie and Solveg, and her husband Vern. Private family Service took place on Monday, January 5, 2004 at Victoria Lawn Cemetery in St. Catharines. Funeral Arrangements are entrusted to the Hulse & English Funeral Home & Chapel, St. Catharines, Ontario, 905-684-6346. Donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society in his memory.

GRANT, BETTY - In loving memory of Betty Grant (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario). Quietly at Haliburton Hospital on January 2nd, 2004. Beloved wife of the late Ron Grant. Loving mother of Martin, and Randall. Devoted grandmother of Heidi. Dear sister of Allan Zalkin and Molly (Lou) Consky. Predeceased by her parents Saul and Bella Bernstein, her son Terry and sister Dorothy Webber. She will be sadly missed by her family and many friends. Services at the Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel, 2401 Steels Ave. W. (1 light west of Dufferin) on Monday afternoon, January 5th at 1 o'clock. The family will receive friends at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Tuesday evening, January 6, 2004 from 7-9 p.m. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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CURRENT EVENTS:

- **Now until May 31/04:** Adult Badminton: Mondays, 7:45 p.m. to 9:45 p.m., Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden - September 15 to May 31/04. Join us for fun, fellowship and fitness. For more information phone Lois, 286-1765.
- **Jan. 6:** The Haliburton Highlands Handweavers and Spinners invite you to their monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of the month. OHS Spinning Presentation - Spin, Weave, Dye, Knit, Design. Color and 1:30 p.m. on January 13/04 at the Haliburton Museum.
- **Jan. 7:** Please join Home Support for Wheels to Meals at Kei's Restaurant in Haliburton on Wednesday, January 7th. Lunch begins at 12 noon. Please call Stella McLean to make your reservations, 457-2982.
- **Jan. 8:** The University Women's Club of the Haliburton Highlands meets at the Norman Sisco Centre on Thursday, January 8 at 7 p.m. Guest speakers will be Linda Coneybeare, Audrey Winsley and Sheila Stackhouse. For further information please call Brijitte at 286-1045.
- **Jan. 8:** Please join Home Support for Wheels to Meals at Elephant Lake Lodge in Harcourt. Lunch begins at 1 p.m. on Friday, January 8th. Please call Ida to make your reservations, 457-2941.
- **Jan. 8:** Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists monthly meeting will present local naturalist Jim Thompson who will talk & show slides on wild flowers of Haliburton County & Surrounding areas. Jan. 8, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the Haliburton Museum. Refreshments available & all are welcome. Further info. 457-2487.
- **Jan. 15:** Haliburton 50+ Club - welcomes you to join us at the Haliburton Legion hall for our next meeting. This month will be our annual fun filled auction, so we ask that you bring out your oldies but goodies and enjoy a great evening of hectic bidding. Doors open 4:30 p.m., Dinner at 5:30 p.m. New members or guests welcome. If attending, please let Mary or Brian know by Tues., Jan. 13th. Call 754-3319. This is a non-smoking environment.
- **Jan. 15:** General meeting of the Minden H.H.H.S. Auxiliary at Hyland Crest, Jan. 15 at 1:00 p.m. Dwight Thomas will talk about the Paramedic Service. Question and Answer period will follow. Everybody welcome.

ONGOING EVENTS:

- **Every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** learn to line dance at the West Guilford Community Centre. Call Marta at 754-1168 for more details.
- **Anyone interested in or affiliated with mental health services** are invited to join the Advisory Committee to Mental Health in Haliburton County. Send a letter of interest to: HHMHSAC, Nominating Committee, Box 539, Minden, Ont. K0M 2K0 or call 286-4575.
- **Highlands Parent Child Mother Goose Program** - For parents and children, (birth to 2-1/2 years) learning rhymes, songs, and stories together. Wednesday Mornings January 7 to March 10, 2004, 10:0 - 11:00 a.m. Cardiff Elementary School. For more info and to register please call: Family Services: 457-5345; Ontario Early Years Centre: 457-2989 (formerly CHACE). Free!! Childcare for older siblings may be available on request.
- **Climax Climbing Club** meets every Tuesday evening at Medeba Adventure Centre in West Guilford, Drop-in, indoor rock climbing from 6:30 - 8 p.m. for children 13 and under to climb with a parent or guardian and from 6:30 - 9:30 for teens and adults (parental permission required for children under 18 years). Beginners welcome - all equipment supplied. For more info. contact Greg and Sue at Family Services of Haliburton County, 457-5345.
- **Adult Women's Basketball league** plays every Monday night from 7:30 - 8:30 in the high school gym. New players are welcome. Cost \$3/night.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editorial@haliburtonecho.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**

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\$37,000 - GOODERHAM
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\$129,000 - OTTER LAKE
 91 acres, nice shoreline, very private, 4 Wheel drive access, good hunting property. Call Linda & Troy.

HALIBURTON LAKE
 Original family home on gorgeous point lot. 453' frtg. sand beach, sand & rock shoreline, 4 BR's, kit, DR, LR, family, 2-3pc baths, bsmt, sun rm, verandah, 3 bay garage, workshop + 50 acre parcel. Call Linda & Troy.

\$554,500

HALIBURTON LAKE
 Spacious & well maintained 3 bdrm winterized Viceroy cottage w/ air-tight stove, w/o to deck, lge boat house w/ marine railway on a level lot w/ beautiful sand beach frontage & great view of one of Haliburton's finest lakes. Call Julie Gray

\$299,000

GRASS LAKE/BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY
 Luxury 5 bdrm, 3 bath home features F/P, mst ensuite, screened sunrm, huge kitchen & dining rooms, full bsmt, dbl garage, pot for home bus or B&B. Walking distance to town & ski trails. Call Julie Gray

\$280,000

COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITY
 2 Well located level bldg lots in busy commercial area of village of Haliburton. One has a drilled well & both serviced. By sewer. Must be sold as a package. **Listed at \$99,000 each** Call Ros Bagg

PRIME BUILDING LOT
 County Road 6 Prime Building lot. View of Cranberry lake, docking possibilities across road. Lovely forest setting, neighbours but private. 10 mins to Sir Sam's Ski Hill - Residence or Recreation. **\$30,000** Call Ros Bagg

DAVIS LAKE
 Picturesque point with 460 ft of lake frontage on a nicely treed & very private 3.8 acre lot. Fully winterized 3 bdrm cottage with w/o bsmt, sep one BR guest bunkie, boat house & workshop. Estate sale. Call Bill Kulas today for further details.

Asking \$289,000

HALLS LAKE
 This newly listed 3 BR waterfront cottage/home features 3 BR, 2 baths, brick FP, 2 car detached garage & much more! Level lot with sandy frontage & an awesome view. Vendor re-locating. Call Bill Kulas

Now \$269,000

REDSTONE RIVER
 Privately situated on Redstone River this 3 bdrm home/cottage offers oak kitchen cupboards, a separate dr, full w/o bsmt & more. Call Ken Barry

\$135,000

TIS THE SEASON
 Hunting camp on crown land lease. Close to Minden. Land overlooks a lge marsh. Dug well. 800 sq. ft. bldg comes complete with bunk beds, propane stove, a wood cook-stove & more. Call Ken Barry

\$35,000

OUTSTANDING REDSTONE LAKE ACREAGE
 Rugged Algonquin lot with 300 ft. of fabulous sand & rock frontage at one end. Extreme privacy & southern exp. on this 19.8 acre lot. Private road from the main access rd. Yr md access with seasonal limitation in early spring. **\$199,700** Call Cathy Lancia

Here is an opportunity to be part of prestigious Kennisis Lake neighbourhood. Backing on to Haliburton Forest with its many trails & outdoor activities, it offers many opportunities for canoeists & kayakers with nearby access to Kennisis River. Once beyond the tranquility of the Bay, both big & Little Kennisis Lakes offer many miles of boating experience. Plus much more. **\$139,700** Call Cathy

GREAT FAMILY HOME
 Cheerful 4 bdrm bungalow with sunporch, 2 fireplaces, 3 washrooms, full bsmt with rec rm & bar, 20x27 heated workshop and 16x22 garage. Many improvements inside and out. Sold with vacant 100 ft. frontage lot next door included in price. Close to Gooderham. For pictures go to www.lindaandchris.com. **\$119,900** Call Linda Beachli

MAPLE LAKE
 4 season log home with all the extras. Tastefully decorated, large wrap around deck, beautifully landscaped lot, plus lots more. **\$264,900** Call Rick Lowes

THE ONE AND ONLY!
 Kashagawigamog Lake vacant waterfront property. 115 ft. of waterfront with gorgeous South Western exposure. Priced to sell! **\$139,000** Call Peter today

FANTASTIC FAMILY HOME features 4 bdrms, 2 baths, fireplace w/ insert, hardwood flrs, ceramic tiles, family rm, rec rm, hot tub rm, pool & loads more. Call Erwin Roithmeier

\$169,000

SALERNO LAKE
 Fantastic 4 BR cottage. Features include: screened porch with hot tub, mstr ensuite & w/o, woodstove, bunkie & deep water off the dock. Call Erwin Roithmeier

\$199,000

COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITY
 2 well located level bldg lots in busy commercial area of village of Haliburton. One has a drilled well and both serviced by sewers. Must be sold as a package. Call Geoff & Miranda **Listed at \$99,000 each**

CANNING LAKE BEAUTY
 Fabulous western exp for great sunsets. Child friendly sand beach, pool and private call for appointment today. Call Tom & Gail Tempest

\$248,000

SOUTH LAKE Immaculate recently renovated cottage on level west facing waterfront lot with clean sand shoreline & big lake view. Pine ceilings, hardwood flrs & drywall throughout, new windows, & doors & full bsmt. Could easily be yr rnd home. Call Tom & Gail Tempest

\$239,000

NICE 70'x12' MOBILE TRAILER
 With large addition (980 ft.). 3 bdrm, lovely view of South Lake from the deck & steps away from the lake. Great beach. This seasonal cottage is a bargain. Call Fred Chapple

\$19,900

HALLS LAKE
 Well maintained 2 BR winterized cottage with brick FP. Entrance & beach are on deeded R.O.W. new shingles, chimney & large deck. An absolutely gorgeous beach on Halls Lake. Call Fred Chapple

\$119,000

WATERFRONT LOTS - BEAR LAKE
16 LOTS TO CHOOSE FROM
 The lots range in size from 1 acre to 160 acres. Large water frontages, sand & rocky shorelines, serviced by a private road and hydro is being installed to all lots. **Priced from \$136,000 to \$177,500** Call Ted Vasey

3 YEAR OLD HOME
 1,908 sq. ft. in Haliburton by the lake subdivision. Beautifully finished home, 3 baths, rec room & bright open kitchen/living room. Call Vince Duchene

\$259,900

OUTSTANDING W/F LOT ON PERCY LAKE
 Level in nature, cleared ready to build, gorgeous view and on a year round road! It's not too good to be true! Call Vince Duchene

\$119,900

MINDEN
 Enchanting two bedroom home in town. Walking distance to all amenities. Recent upgrades include hydro, oil furnace and oil tank. **\$79,900** Call Melanie Vigrass to view.

MINDEN WATERFRONT HOME
 Located on the Gull River this 3 bdrm home features ceramic tile in the foyer & bathroom, laminated flrs in the kitchen, family rm, a large deck, pine kitchen, hardwood flrs, exterior boat cement, landscaped grounds & a large wrap around deck. Call Lenor Fulton & Tracy Ackertblade

\$172,000

ENJOY LIVING IN TOWN & BOATING TO GULL LAKE
 This spacious home features an open concept LR/Kit, a beautiful pine staircase, a mstr BR ensuite w/walk-in closet & w/o to upper deck plus 3 additional BR's. Call Lenor Fulton & Tracy Ackertblade

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